

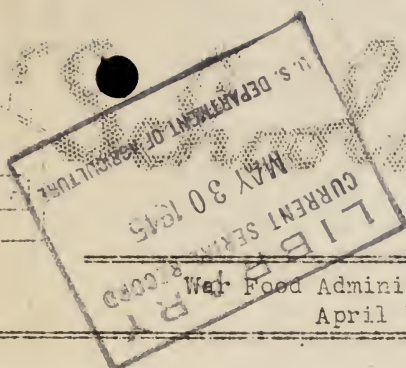
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HALF OF COST MUSTBE BORNE LOCALLY

Legislation setting up federal funds for the Community School Lunch Program provides that the total contribution of all sponsors in a state must at least equal the total amount of funds which the Federal Government contributes to the program in that state.

Reports submitted by North Dakota schools for the first five months of the current school year indicate that local contributions fall short to the extent of \$8,720 in meeting the funds distributed by the War Food Administration to cover reimbursement claims.

Many sponsors in North Dakota are listing payments by children as the only contribution being made to the program under Item 3 (a) of the Monthly Report and Claim for Reimbursement, Form CCC-109 (formerly FDA-536). This item also should include money donated by school boards, PTA units, Mothers' Clubs and others for use in paying the cook's salary or meeting other non-reimbursable expenses.

Local sponsors also are given credit under Item 4 of the monthly claim form for non-cash donations. Sponsors should include in this item the value of all donated labor, food (including sandwiches brought from home) or any other equipment or service rendered to assist in making the program a success. If your school is not reporting the value of such items under Item 4, please be sure that they are reported with your April claim.

We also would like to have each sponsor review its claims of the last five months and report to us, by months, on a separate sheet of paper, the amount of "other cash income" and "non-cash income" items which have NOT been included in previous reports so we may apply for credit for such sums. It is of utmost importance that we have the full cooperation of all sponsors in North Dakota on this request.

REPORT CLOSING DATEWITH FINAL CLAIM

Now that some schools are concluding their lunch programs, we would like to remind sponsors that they should include a termination notice with their final claim. A simple statement that the program closed as of a given date, signed by the authorized representative is all that is necessary.

If some schools would like to operate their program longer than they indicated on their application, extension may be granted if a request is made in writing to the District Office in Fargo.

KEEP RECORDS FROMONE YEAR TO NEXT

A permanent file should be kept of all school lunch program records such as daily participation count, itemized receipts, menus, cost of labor and value of equipment and foods donated. This information will be needed when the WFA makes a review. This year's records will be of great value to the school, too, for they will come in handy in planning next year's program. Maintenance of records is required under the WFA contract.

MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW
FOR VICTORY GARDEN

It's almost spring again and time to be planning your Victory Garden for 1945. Victory gardeners in 1944 accounted for more than 40 per cent of all the fresh vegetables produced in the country. It was the Victory Gardens and produce preserved in community canning centers and in homes that made possible the low-point and no-point values applied to much of the canned foods available in retail stores. Victory Gardens left more of the commercially grown vegetables to feed our armed forces, our Allies, and those among our civilians who for one reason or another were unable to enjoy the benefits of gardening.

Victory gardeners of 1944, answering a recent survey, gave their main reasons for gardening: (1) to help the war effort; (2) to get better vegetables and (3) to save money.

All of these reasons apply to Victory Gardening by schools as well as by individuals. Still another reason enters into gardening done by schools and that is to provide a supplemental income or a supplemental food supply for expansion of effective school lunch programs. We urge that you give serious consideration to a Victory Garden project at your school. It should be kept in mind that the principal requirement for an effective gardening-canning program is strong leadership and a year-round plan. If impractical to have a school Victory Garden, encourage patrons to plant an "extra row for the School Lunch Program."

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EFFORTS OF TEACHER
ARE APPRECIATED

Parents appreciate the work done by teachers in planning and supervising a lunch program. This, at least, is the conclusion of Mrs. Leonard Sprecher, teacher at Japel School near Tower City, N. D. A number of mothers wrote her letters. Here are excerpts from some of them: "I like the hot lunch very much, and I'm sure the children do too. They eat some things they don't care for at home. Maybe it's the good way you fix things, I think it's very nice and thanks to you for your extra work"....."I heartily approve the hot lunch program. My three children eat much better lunches with a hot dish, and they seem to have a better appetite at home".....

HERE'S WHAT SOME
SCHOOL PEOPLE SAY

"I don't know if it is from eating hot lunches at noon or not, but my country children gained from $3\frac{1}{2}$ to 8 pounds each during the two-month period, November and December," Lois B. Johnson, Roseglen School #3 Roseglen, McLean County, N. D.

"Our lunch program is a success in every way. The parents are very helpful in any way they can be of assistance to me by sending food and money for such items as kerosene. I can notice a steady gain in healthy appearance and 'pep' of pupils daily. We have no one asleep in the afternoon as we did last year"--Mrs. E. T. Flowers, teacher, Rosebud School #69, Litchville, N. D.

"Our community is very interested in this program and the pupils enjoy participating in it. We are fortunate to have a home economics department in our school and this gives us a group to cook our meals. Teachers report that many of the youngsters have improved a great deal in their school work since hot lunches have been served. I also find many of the youngsters have gained weight. Parents have also reported an improvement in the way their children eat at home. Many of them have lost their dislike for many of the vegetables, etc."--John W. Lynch, superintendent, Gardner Public School, Gardner, Cass County, N. D.